

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, and 27-37 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21, 25, 38, and 39 have been allowed.

Examiner had indicated in a previous office action dated 6/17/2008 that Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, 21, 25, and 27-39 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections set forth in that office action.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-18, and 27-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention.

Claims 1, 7, and 27 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection. Support for amended Claim 1 may be found, as an example and without limitation, on p. 17, ll. 3-4 of the application as filed. Support for amended Claim 7 may be found, as an example and without limitation, on p.17, ll. 11-13 of the application as filed. Support for amended Claim 27 may be found, as an example and without limitation, on p.17, ll. 11-13 of the application as filed.

Claims 2, 4-6 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 8-11, 14-18 depend from Claim 7 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 28-37 depend from Claim 7 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claim Objections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 14-18 are objected to because of informalities. The claims have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the objection.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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